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Applicants	:	Martin Kurth et al.
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Filing Date	:	October 21, 2005
For	:	DEVICE FOR FASTENING AT LEAST ONE ELONGATE OBJECT TO A BASE
Group Art Unit	:	3679
Examiner	:	Victor L. MacArthur
Attorney Docket No.	:	16-885 P/US - 5201

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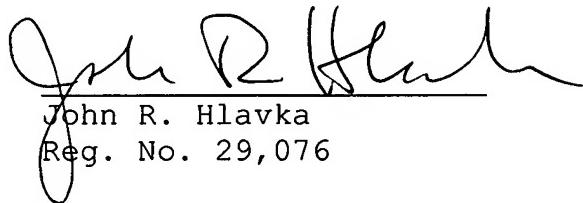
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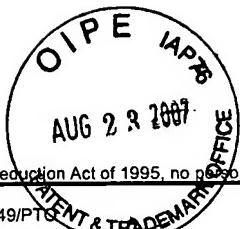


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